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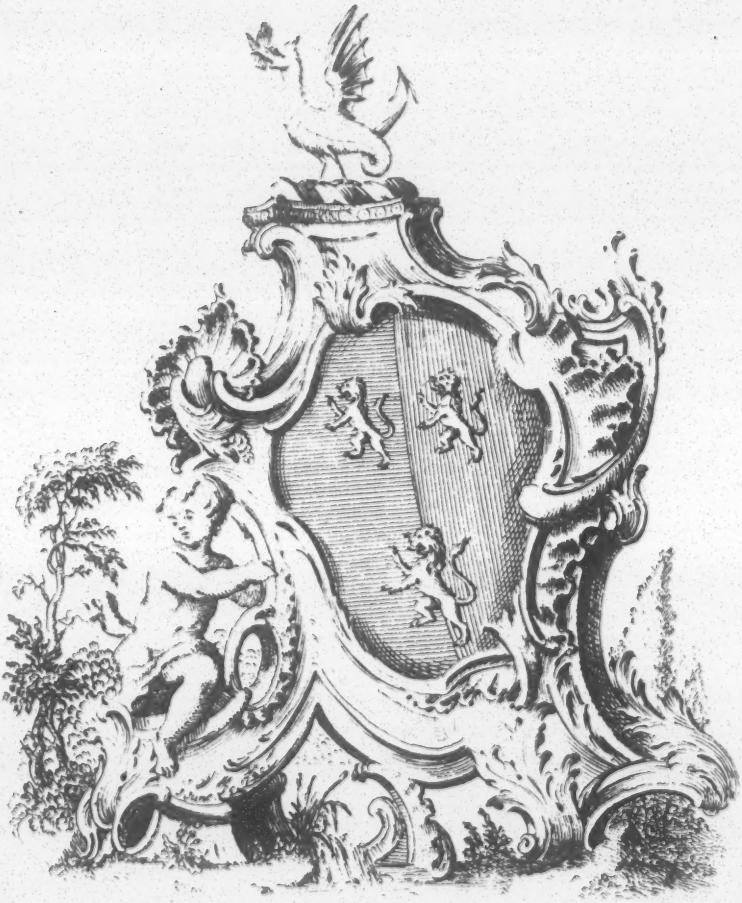

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The Araignement, and *Execution, of a wilfull* and obstinate Traitour, named Eueralde Ducket, *alias* Hauns: *Condemned at the Sessions house,* for high Treason, on Friday, beeing the 28. of Iuly, and executed at Tiborne, on Monday after, being the 31. day of the same Moneth. 1581.

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¶ The Araignement of *an obstinate Traitour, named Euerald Ducket, alias Hauns, at the Sessions house, on Fryday, the xxviii. of July. 1581.*

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Vpon Friday, being the eight and twentie day of Iuly, there was brought to the Sessions house, to be araigned before the Queenes Maiesties Iustices, one Euerald Ducket, *alias* Hauns, Englishman, bering a Preest, and not long since, come from beyond the Seas. This wicked fellow, contrary bothe to the feare of God, and dutie, which he should by right beare, to our moste gratious Queene Elizabeth: erred from the true & perfect doctrine of the word of God, and liued in

The araignement and execution, obſcure and Sathanicall determination of life, as his owne protestations hath sufficientlye made apparant, and the obstinate liues of the rest of like sect, giueth daily example. He hauing receiued the orders of Preesthood at Rheimes in Fraunce, a place, where (the more is the pittie) diuers and many younge youthes of England, are somewhat fed vpon the Popes pention, who maintaineth there a Seminarie, to allure and entise the hartes of sundry her Maiesties obedient Subiects Children, to come vnto that place, where in steede of learning, they are instructed to dishonor God, to disobey their Prince, and to sell their soules wilfully, into the detestable slauery, of that blasphemous Antechristian Prelate

of *Eueralde Ducket*, Traitour late. From this aforesayd place came this obstinate fellow, and beeing brought before the Justices to his answer, of certaine absurd and diuelish Articles by himselfe mainetayned, which are these ensuing.

1. That no Prince in all *Europe*, ought to haue any supremacie, but the *Pope* onely.
2. That the *Pope* was indued with the holy Spirit, and therfore he could not sinne.

Albeit a terror to any Christian hart to heare it, and a diuelish obstinacie in himselfe to pronoūce it, yet he traiterously said.

3. That our moste gratious Soueraigne Lady, Queene *Elizabeth*, was an Heretique, and therefore not woorthy of any gouernment.

4. And

4. And that the *Pope* hath as great ſway and authoritie in this Realme of *England*, at this day, as he had a hundred yeeres agoe.

With other ſuch like wicked and abhominable arguments that he maintayned, and beeing there examined of them: he began with this proteſtation. The *Popes* holyneſſe. At which, not onely the Honorable Bench, but alſo all that ſtood by, entred into a great laughter: which cauſed him to breake of the graue diſcourſe, that els they ſhould haue heard. Then was he demaũded of the former Articles, to which he anſwered. What I haue ſayd, I haue ſayd, and will ſtand to, vſing himſelfe very fond and full of deriſion, e-

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uen like all of that sort, whom God hath giuen ouer into a reprobate sence.

After diuers questions by the Benche, and aunswers of himselfe, not heere to be spoken of: The Quest of twelue men was panneled vpon him, whom he was willed to see, if he would challenge any of the. No (quoth he) there is some indifferent men among them, or els it goes hard. So he still troubling the Benche with ouer many words, as concerning how many soules he had saued synce his comming ouer, and what good hee had doone in his commaunded labour: That the Benche commaunded him to silence, vntill the Quest were come to giue vp their verdict. Who beeing come, and finding him guiltie, for that

before he had put himselfe to God and the Countrey: he was demaunded what he could say for himselfe, that iudgement should not proceede vpon him: He frumpingly aunswered, you haue put me to silence, and now I will say nothing. Then the Benche commaunded him to holde vp his hand, and he held vp his left hand. Why quoth the Justices, is this your Roomish order? then he held vp the other, and scoffingly sayd. Now Sir, I pray you, is not one hand as good as ỹ other for you? At lẽgth ere iudgement was pronounced, the Benche rehearsed vnto him, how B. Stephan Gardener recãted. He aunswered, the greater was his sinne. Then they sayd, how Cardinall Poole recanted, the greater was his sinne (quoth he againe)

againe) Iohn Nichols (quoth the Bench) the other day recanted from his great impietie of life: he aunswered, the more his synne, and greater his paines in the world to come. At last they told him, how the Papists great God Bishop Bonner, recanted at his death. That is not so (quoth he) for he neuer recanted. After many horrible speeches by him passed, and by the Honorable Benche aunswered: Iudgement of high Treason proceeded vpon him, to be drawne, hanged and quartered. He aunswered them againe, though you haue condemned me of Treason, yet doo I know that I am voyde of sinne in this. So was he caryed from thence to Newgate, where Maister Crowley a godly Father, remained all the after-

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noone with him in conference of
the Scriptures, and found him
altogether vnlearned, not able
to answer any thing directly, but
meruaylous obstinate and very
impious.

ON Monday being the 31. of
Iuly, he was brought to Ti-
borne the appointed place of Ex-
ecution, being drawen from the
prison of Newgate, vpon a hur-
dle, and godly Preachers all the
way exhorting him, but no signe
or motion of repentaunce might
be perceiued in him. Being
come to Tiborne, there was a
Prisoner executed before him,
who had otherwise trespassed,
and he very mildely and pen-
tently tooke his death, praying
zealously that God would turne
the hart of this peruerse wretch.
and so with sundry godly pray-
ers

ers, ended his life. Then was this Ducket brought vp into the Cart, where were with him, Maister Shakelton, Maister Fidens, & other godly Preachers, still exhorting him: who after ỹ noyse of people was some what appeased (which was no small company) he began in this manner. I am brought hether this day to confesse my fault, beleeuing and assuring my selfe in the death of Christe, who shed his blood for the Catholique church, whereof I am a member, and hope therein to be saued: for the Catholique Church, is and hath beene, from the beginning of the worlde vnto this day, the true prefiguration of Christe. And whereas these Ministers (speaking in derision) haue protested that I sayd, Treason is no sinne:

I beseech you all ỹ are heere, be witnesses with me (for these are the last woords, ỹ I shall speake) that I sayd not so. These were my woords, that this which you call treason, & that for which I here die to day, is no sin before God, though you please to terme it so. And I beseech all Catholiques that are present heere to pray for me. The godly Preacher aunswered, if there be any heere, I trust the number is very small, or none at all, quoth he, in time I trust the number will be increased. For throughỹ Catholique Church is the way to saluation, and the Popes holines is the head of that Church. Then he keeping close his eyes, as though he were in his prayers, the Preachers rehearsed vnto him the Lords praier, quoth he,

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bayne woords, away with the rauening wolues. Maister Sherife Woodcoke, then bad him aske the Queene forgiuenes, whom he had offended, and all the present company. Quoth he, it is needles, I am a Subiect, and I graunt my selfe to be a Subiect. Why (quoth Maister Sherife) she is supreme head of ỹ Church, therfore ỹ oughtest to submit thy selfe to her. Not so (q he) she is a woman, and she may not, neither can not speake in the Church, and therfore ought not to bear any authority in it. With that, their godly eares not abiding to hear these blasphemous woordes: drew away the Cart, & let him hang scãt two turnes. but cut him downe, to abide the farder paynes, appointed for him,

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To the Christian Reader, *true obedient dutie*, bothe to God and Prince, *continually wished.*

*IF our hartes were not har-*dened, & our ſences dulled, with ouer much care of the world, and no reſpect to our obedient dutie: wee might perceiue the great mercy & looue of our God, and the too little regard that we make of it. For let vs but argue vpon the dayly & preſẽt examples, as the care he hath to his Church, the milde fauour he beareth to his people that put their truſt in him, that although Satan ſeeke to builde a banke about it: yet ariſeth the Lord and ſayth, *Iuſtice is mine*. How hath God looued vs, in ſending vs ſuch a gratious Princeſſe, ſuch a peaceable tranquillitie, ſuch

ſuch a happy light of his Goſpell? And when Antichriſte hath ſpread abroad his Champions, and euen throwne out his fiery Dartes of his diuelliſh inuentions: yet hath the Lord ſtept betweene them & home, and cauſed their ſhame to redound in their owne faces, that when they haue gon ſo far foorth, as they haue boaſtingly ſayd: *We will preuaile*, the Lord hath ſtood vp in the middeſt of his Congregation, & ſayd: *I will defend my choſen*. And yet to beholde, how ſmal accoũt we make of it, how ſlenderly we regarde it, & how vnnaturally we run frõ him: might moouevs, if we had any grace or feare in our ſelues, to returne with pierced harts, & ſobbing conſciences, and euen out of the bowels of our ſoules to crie: *O Lord haue mercy vpon vs, miſerable offenders*. That we faithfully and vnfainedly

needly may do this: let vs euery one heaue our harts and handes to the Lord, & be inwardly inwardly sory, for our so manifolde offences, and praye that long may his Gospell shine among vs, long maye our moste Gratious Queene gouerne vs, & long may we faithfully serue him, truely and obediently honour and loque her. And all that doo repine at her gratious continuance: may eyther chaunge their mindes, or be speedily cut off.

GOd preserue and blesse our gratious Queene Elizabeth, *encrease the number of true and faithfull Subiects*. Amen.

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